

Oberstar	Sabo	Tauscher
Obey	Salmon	Tauzin
Oliver	Sanchez	Terry
Ortiz	Sanders	Thomas
Ose	Sandlin	Thompson (CA)
Owens	Sawyer	Thompson (MS)
Oxley	Saxton	Thornberry
Packard	Scarborough	Thune
Pallone	Schaffer	Thurman
Pascarell	Schakowsky	Tierney
Pastor	Scott	Toomey
Payne	Serrano	Towns
Pease	Sessions	Traficant
Pelosi	Shadegg	Turner
Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Udall (CO)
Peterson (PA)	Shays	Udall (NM)
Phelps	Sherman	Upton
Pickering	Sherwood	Velázquez
Pickett	Shinkus	Vento
Pitts	Shows	Visclosky
Pomeroy	Shuster	Walden
Porter	Simpson	Walsh
Portman	Siskisky	Wamp
Price (NC)	Skeen	Waters
Pryce (OH)	Skelton	Watkins
Quinn	Slaughter	Watt (NC)
Radanovich	Smith (MI)	Watts (OK)
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Waxman
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	Weiner
Regula	Smith (WA)	Weldon (FL)
Reyes	Snyder	Weldon (PA)
Reynolds	Souder	Weller
Riley	Spence	Wexler
Rivers	Spratt	Weygand
Rodriguez	Stabenow	Whitfield
Roemer	Stark	Wicker
Rogan	Stenholm	Wilson
Rogers	Strickland	Wise
Ros-Lehtinen	Stupak	Wolf
Rothman	Sununu	Woolsey
Roukema	Sweeney	Wu
Roybal-Allard	Talent	Wynn
Ryan (WI)	Tancred	Young (AK)
Ryun (KS)	Tanner	Young (FL)

NAYS—22

Burton	Gibbons	Sanford
Cannon	Hostettler	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth	Jones (NC)	Stearns
Coble	Paul	Stump
Coburn	Petri	Taylor (NC)
DeLay	Pombo	Tiahrt
Doolittle	Rohrabacher	
Everett	Royce	

NOT VOTING—16

Blunt	Hilleary	Millender
Capps	Hulshof	McDonald
Davis (IL)	John	Rangel
Doggett	Lipinski	Rush
Duncan	McCarthy (MO)	Taylor (MS)
Gutierrez	McGovern	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rules change for the 106th Congress, I am informing you that I missed two votes today, Role Number 22 and 23, taken on H.R. 171 and H.R. 193. These votes were missed due to a canceled airline flight caused by a snowstorm in the Midwest. On these votes, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes 22 and 23 on February 23, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I

been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall vote 22, "yea" and on rollcall vote 23 "yea."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

RANKING OF MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 73) and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 73

Resolved, That Mr. PORTMAN shall rank immediately following Mr. CAMP on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYES). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 409, FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-26) on the resolution (H. Res. 75) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 409) to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 438, WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-27) on the resolution (H. Res. 76) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 438) to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 514, WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 106-28) on the resolution (H. Res. 77) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 514) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HOUSE SHOULD CONSIDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS FIRST, RATHER THAN LAST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this afternoon to speak about the District of Columbia. But I think it only appropriate to report what I have just heard, and that is that in the capital murder trial of John William King, the first of three men accused in the dragging death murder of James Byrd, Jr., the jury has just reported a guilty verdict in Jasper, Texas. Justice has been done, and southern justice this time has been done.

Mr. Speaker, we are back to work in earnest. The Speaker has developed a workmanlike schedule. I come to the floor this afternoon to ask that the easiest bill in the House, the bill having least to do with the business of this House, be the first appropriation bill reported in this House. I speak of the D.C. appropriation bill.

It is amazing that most often it is the last and not the first bill. When I brought the new Mayor to see the Speaker, he agreed that we should hasten this bill. During the fiscal crisis, it has been especially painful to have the District appropriation bill so late. The District has been on time, but the bill has been needlessly controversial.

Delay hurts in the worst way because it affects the credit standing of a city that is only now getting its credit back. And it is getting its credit back. It has had three straight years of surpluses. However, it is the unpredictability of the appropriation process here that hurts the credit rating.

There is no Federal payment any longer, so it is quite amazing that the budget of a local jurisdiction would have to come here at all. Suppose my colleagues' cities, their counties' budgets came here. They would tell us to get out of town. It is an historic anomaly; it is an injustice.

It has to come. At least let no more injustice be done by holding it up. We